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Dear Professor Lederberg:

Thank you very much for your comments on the draft statement on Biological Warfare by the FAS committee. You mention that you were surprised that your opinion was sought. We turned to you, among others, as an expert in the genetics of micro-organisms, and your very pertinent remarks will, I am sure, be important to the Committee when they prepare another draft.

Relative to your point that the military authorities could more authoritatively speak on BW, we quite agree. Unfortunately, however, they have not. We hope that the analysis under preparation will partially fill the gap, and may perhaps stimulate them to complete the job.

May I express again our appreciation for your response. We hope that we may take the liberty of asking your advice again the future.

Sincerely yours,


Hugh C. Wolfe, Chairman,
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